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Editorial

We are now in our fifteenth week since lockdown measures began and it has been announced that rules are relaxing even further from the beginning of July. People should still remain two metres apart where possible but a one metre plus rule will be brought in. With non-essential shops already being open, pubs, bars and restaurants will also be opening up to trade again - and I think the majority of us are looking forward to that!! Another service we are all desperately waiting for is the hair salons and barbers to reopen; many are already booked in for haircuts and colours. With this easing of restrictions being allowed we must still be vigilant to protect us all and help prevent the spread of the virus.



This month sees a plea from Harbury village church. With places of worship being allowed to hold services again (without singing), All Saints church is launching an appeal called 'Heat, Light, Stone'. They are asking for donations to replace the heating and wiring systems in the church and Tom Hauley Room. Parts of the Church

fabric are in need of restoration too. All households should by now have received a leaflet and envelope through their doors outlining the problems. If you are able to make a donation, then please contribute whatever you can. Details about this are also on page 6 of this magazine. The very good news regarding both Harbury and Ladbroke churches is that interviews for a new 'Priest in Charge' have taken place and a preferred candidate has been nominated. Following further formalities, an announcement will be made when appropriate.

If you are hankering after a good cup of coffee and a piece of cake, Biblio's will be opening for take-aways from Wednesday 8th July from the side kitchen door. Opening hours will be 10 - 11.30am on Wednesdays and 10am - 12 noon on Saturdays, please see the Library article on page 36.

After 25 years of general practice, Dr Wilkinson is retiring from Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgeries. We wish him well in his retirement.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bill Middleton. Bill and his wife Peggie have lived in the village for a long time. Bill served on the Parish Council for a number of years which included him being Chairman. He had also been Treasurer of the Village Hall as well as being involved with other local organisations.



Harbury Diary

All events normally listed are suspended at present.


We welcome items for inclusion in the August edition of the Harbury News eg articles on hobbies, memories of living in the village, items on self-isolation, photos and quizzes.

August Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 23rd July



Refuse Collection Rota

|  | Deppers Bridge | Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties | Collection Week |
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| July | Wed | Fri | |
| | 8 | 10 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 15 | 17 | Grey Bin |
| | 22 | 24 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 29 | 31 | Grey Bin |
| Aug | 5 | 7 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 12 | 14 | Grey Bin |
| | 19 | 21 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Rev Ann Mulley

We are moving further out of lockdown. I have loved having small groups of family in the garden and it's so good our churches can open again even if for only one or two days. It was great to get to the optician although, after the thoughtfulness in our parishes, it was rather disconcerting to find some people in Leamington apparently oblivious of social distancing as I waited outside! Now more restrictions are lifted. Pubs, restaurants and hairdressers will be open and we'll be allowed church services at last!!

Some of us may be very excited at life opening up again, others a bit insecure after so many weeks of being safely cocooned. The easing of restrictions means as individuals we have more decisions to make. We may want to support efforts to reboot the economy and help struggling businesses and job prospects but we have to make judgement calls on risk factors and our vulnerability.

How widely should we extend meetings in our gardens and family bubbles? Should we go to clothes and other non-essential shops, pubs, restaurants and holiday homes? To mask or not to mask? And so on....

As a nation the decisions go deeper. We have to balance that the virus is still with us and the danger of a second spike, with the harm that the continued lockdown is doing to the economy, to people's businesses, jobs, mental health and our children's schooling - and the massive government debt our children and grandchildren will have to pay back in one way or another over many years.

A line from the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" keeps running through my mind. "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days." It seems to me that as a government, as a nation, as a church, as individuals we need both wisdom and courage even more than ever. But our own courage and wisdom is sometimes just not enough. We can get discouraged and hesitant and unsure of which way to go in these difficult circumstances.

But the words from the hymn are really a sung prayer - a prayer to God to fill us with his wisdom, his courage through the Holy Spirit. Perhaps it's a prayer we could make every morning to God who loves us and is in there for us in all that happens - and who can see the right way forward much more clearly than we can. Perhaps something on these lines - for ourselves and for our government and nation:

"Dear God, please give me your wisdom, give me your courage for all the decisions I have to make, please walk beside me in all I have to do and be this day."

"Dear God you know how complicated and difficult things are. Please give Boris and all in government and all people, the wisdom and courage that we as a country need so much today and in the days ahead."

Blessing

*May Christ, who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new future,
fill us with his new life.
And may the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us and all those whom we love
today, tomorrow and always.*

With love and prayer for you all.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael



Well things are moving!

Our appeal leaflet called Heat, Light and Stone has been printed and is being distributed to all the houses in Harbury. The donations are flowing in everyday as I write this. (1 Park Lane is next to the cemetery and our post box is on the wall to the right of the door.) If anyone wants me to collect their donation just call - 612421 - and I'll come and pick it up.

And thank you all for those donations. Rest assured this money will only be spent on the improvements to Harbury Church and are a restricted fund in the accounts. (Treasurer hat on now).

New priest for Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton

We had five applications in response to our advert and three were shortlisted for interview. This announcement was made to our three PCC's and churches on 24th June : -

"It has been a long day, including quite a long discussion after interviewing the three candidates, but I am very pleased to be able to tell you that the panel reached unanimous agreement on our preferred candidate to nominate to go forward to be interviewed by Bishop Christopher. Archdeacon Barry has now spoken to this person, who has accepted our nomination. We shall not be able to say any more until after the interview with the Bishop and DBS checks have been completed, but we hope to be able to make the official announcement in a few weeks' time"

We look forward to welcoming our new priest in the next few months. Oddly this role is called "priest in charge" but they will live in a house called the Rectory on Vicarage Lane - perhaps we can revert to calling our priest "Vicar"? Just a passing thought!

Our new website is up and functioning well. Sarah, Amy and Will continue to do a great job and all news and any exciting developments are posted there daily. Do look at:-

<https://allsaintsharbury.org/>

There are some excellent aerial views of the church taken by drone on the website.



News of when the church will be open for prayers will be posted on the website too.

Please do contact either of us should you have any queries relating to church life.

Liz McBride (tel: 612421) and Michael Vincent (tel: 614806).

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|  | <h2>Mothers' Union</h2> | <p>Gillian Hare</p> |
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Another month of "lockdown" passed; we hope everyone is coping. Certainly, for those of us blessed to live in such a lovely place, and with this superb weather, it hasn't seemed too tedious. As I write this, there is news of an easing of some restrictions so maybe we shall soon find safe ways to meet again. But most important - keep safe. As the modern psalm quoted in the pew sheet for 21st June put it:

"You have set me free from fear and will keep me safe and secure"

And please contact any of our committee if you feel like a chat or need help.



Heat, Light, Stone; the Appeal Goes Ahead

The church and its Tom Hauley Room in Harbury is a centre for prayer, worship and community. It is where our children are christened, our families married, and the lives of our loved ones are celebrated. It hosts clubs, societies and family parties. The church has stood for over 800 years. Now it desperately needs your help.

These are tough times. For many, they mean anxiety, illness and even the loss of a relative or friend. For some they mean disruption, reduced income or even redundancy. Nobody would choose to launch an appeal in days like these.

But we can't delay appealing for the repair and renewal of the Harbury Church and Tom Hauley Room building. The buildings, their heating systems and wiring, are in critical need of restoration. The church is very unlikely to be celebrating Christmas 2020 as it always has in the past - with Advent and Christmas services, Christingle, the dressing of the crib, the Village Carol service and Midnight Mass.

Even if social distancing has been revoked by Christmas, the church building will be freezing. In those circumstances, the Tom Hauley Room might substitute for smaller groups, but its rattling heaters are already on their last legs, and parts are no longer available to repair them.

We can see this as a problem, or as an opportunity to renew and restore. The overall cost of repair and renovation will be around two hundred thousand

pounds; and when our appeal has raised one hundred thousand from personal donations (not as impossible as it sounds) we are confident that we can match this, pound for pound, from charities and funders. We have already started.

We know now that, whatever the circumstances, we can wait no longer. The church and Tom Hauley Room will only deteriorate. A successful appeal will result in a restored building, low-carbon heating, low-energy lighting and decent audio-visual resources, and expert repairs to the roof, tower and stonework. The building will become more environmentally friendly.

An envelope through every door in Harbury has a flyer detailing what we plan to do, together with an appeal form. You can respond with cash, a cheque, or a BACS transfer. No sum is too little; no donation is too much. Or you can contribute now, directly:

By online bank transfer to:

Bank account name: HSBC UK
 Account name: HARBURY CHURCH
 Sort code: 40-42-15
 Account number 90414298
 Reference: HLS

By cheque or cash:

Please make cheque payable to **Harbury Church**

Donations can be addressed or delivered to:

Liz McBride

Churchwarden and Treasurer

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01926 612421

If you are a taxpayer and eligible to add Gift Aid to your donation please write as below. (These words printed are on the donation flyer). This will increase your gift by £25 for every £100 donated.

"Please regard this donation as eligible for Gift Aid. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference."

Add your full name, address and post code, your signature and the date.

We should like to thank you, personally and privately. Please let Liz McBride know of your donation to receive our thanks. Your gift will remain anonymous.

All Saints Church, Harbury, is a registered charity, No.1150990.

Thank you.

All Saints Harbury Parochial Church Council

Ladbroke News & Diary

<http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

As we come out of lockdown there may be more things happening so please check websites for details.

Church: ladbrokechurch.org.uk
 Village: ladbroke-pc.org.uk
 Photography Club: tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto



JULY

Sun 5 TRINITY 4

Church open for private prayer 2.00 - 4.00pm

Wed 8 Virtual Parish Council meeting 7.45pm (open to public, see agenda for details how)

Sun 12 TRINITY 5

Possible morning service at church, please check website

Church open for private prayer 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sun 19 TRINITY 6

Possible morning service at church, please check website

Church open for private prayer 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sun 26 TRINITY 7

Possible morning service at church, please check website

Church open for private prayer 2.00 - 4.00pm

AUGUST

Sun 2 TRINITY 8

Possible morning service at church, please check website

Church open for private prayer 2.00 - 4.00pm



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

July 2020

The church building may have been closed for three months but the last few weeks have been very busy, and all the news is good!

Although the official permission to start the works funded by the lottery bid came only just over a month ago, work has already started and the scaffolding is now going up around the tower. The main contractors will be on site from early July.

We have also made progress in our recruitment of a new Priest in Charge. Our advert produced five applications of whom three have been interviewed for the post. As a result of this process a preferred candidate has emerged who will now go forward to be interviewed by the Bishop of Coventry. All being well, we shall be able to make an announcement in about six weeks' time.

And as lockdown eases, we are now being allowed to re-open the church. The rules seem to be being changed very quickly at the moment, so any announcement here is in danger of being out of date before it is published, but as it stands we hope to be able to have the church building open again for private prayer, although this will be only at limited times over the weekend due to the building works. Churches will also be permitted to reopen for public services. In both cases the openings are subject to a set of Covid secure conditions which we are still working through. Please keep an eye open for notices on the church lychgate and on Ladbroke e-news for updates.

Weddings are also to be permitted again, and we are now expecting to be able to hold two weddings in July that have been delayed due to the coronavirus. These will be restricted to 30 people only, so attendance will be by invitation only, but we look forward to being able to report on these two happy events next month.

In the meantime, online services and our own Zoom Pause & Pray on the 1st and 3rd Mondays are continuing. If you would like to join us, please email ladbrokechurch@gmail.com and we will send you further details.



Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

Our secretary, Joan, has been keeping us in touch with the main Federation and the Warwickshire branch with news of online courses and Zoom events.

The good news is that the Federation have decided to extend the current membership year by three months so subs for 2021 will be payable in April and subsequent Aprils thereafter.

I'm afraid there is still no news about when we will be able to get together again.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community. We hope to see you at some or all of these once we are allowed to gather together again.



Whilst the hall is closed for events we are pleased to announce that work will commence in early September on renovating the kitchen area in the hall. We have received a grant from HS2 to help with the funding of this.

We have also received provisional approval for a further small grant from HS2 to help renovate parts of the hall roof.

We are pleased to announce that **Andy Hay** will be joining our team. He will be a welcome addition as we plan our future events.

If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the Trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for May 2020

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| £50 | Graham Lewis | £50 | Keith Archer |
| £25 | Betty Winkfield | £25 | Kip Warr |
| £25 | Tim Malby | £10 | Richard Walker |
| £10 | John Liverton | £10 | Simon and Jackie West |
| £10 | Kevin and Kate Pickin | £10 | Carol Locker |

Thank you for your patience, I have now been to the bank and all winners have been paid.

Margaret Bosworth



Musicals Quiz

Although cinemas, restaurants and pubs can start re-opening this month, sadly theatres have to remain locked down. So, to remind us all of those days when a night out in the West End meant visiting a show, listed below are three songs from 20 different stage or film musicals. How many can you identify?

1. Master of the House; Bring Him Home; I Dreamed a Dream
2. Make 'em Laugh; You are my Lucky Star; Good Morning
3. The Song that Goes Like This; Knights of the Round Table; Always Look on the Bright Side of Life
4. Who Will Buy?; As Long as He Needs Me; Oom-Pah-Pah
5. Matchmaker, Matchmaker; Sunrise, Sunset; If I Were a Rich Man
6. Hopelessly Devoted to You; Sandy; Summer Nights

7. June is Bustin' Out all Over; A Real Nice Clambake; Mister Snow
8. Hushabye Mountain; Me ol' Bam-boo; Truly Scrumptious
9. Good Morning Baltimore; Welcome to the 60's; The Nicest Kids in Town
10. Well Did You Evah?; True Love; Who Wants to be a Millionaire?
11. The Last Night of the World; The Morning of the Dragon; This is the Hour
12. Big Spender; The Rhythm of Life; If my Friends Could See me Now
13. If I Can't Have You; More Than a Woman; Disco Inferno
14. There's a Coach Coming in; I Talk to the Trees; Wand'rin' Star
15. With a Little Bit of Luck; Get me to the Church on Time; Wouldn't it be Luvely
16. America; On the Robert E Lee; Love on the Rocks
17. America; Gee Officer Krupke; I Feel Pretty
18. Happy Talk; Some Enchanted Evening; There is Nothin' Like a Dame
19. Lullaby of Broadway; We're in the Money; About a Quarter to Nine
20. Music of the Night; All I Ask of You; Masquerade

Answers on page 49.



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

June has come and gone without our being able to meet again so we have continued uploading photographs onto a website kwarr.co.uk/photography/ for anyone to see. Our theme in June was food and food faces; some of the entries look very appetising. Our collection now stretches back to February so we encourage visitors to browse the galleries.



Food! by Mike Todman

For July we are going freestyle - pictures of anything taken anywhere at any time this year. We look forward to some exotic pictures as some members remember holidays before the lockdown while others have used their imagination while stuck at home.

**Right: Food market by
John Bicknell**

For more information about Ladbroke Photography Club, visit the main club website at tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto (but disregard the programme which was drawn up in the heady days before Covid) or contact: ladbrokephotoclub@btinternet.com



**Anyone for
Cricket, Stowe by
David Hannan**

**Pretty DNA by
Tony Watts**





Ladbroke General Section

All Saints for All Generations Project



What a difference a month makes! The scaffolding is going up the church tower as I write and, by the time you read this, the stonemasons, Boden and Ward, should be defrassing loose stonework and closely examining it with the architect to confirm which stones will be replaced. Eroded stones behind the clock are already on the list so the clock face will be going away for safe keeping and light renovation.

In August there will be more scaffolding at the other end of the building and the first set of windows will go off to Chapel Studio for repairs and releading, leaving the surrounding stonework free for the stonemasons to work on. Inside, the organ will be wrapped to protect it from dust and from mid-August there will be plastic sheeting across the chancel arch. That's reminiscent of a few years ago, only this time the public zone will be the nave and the contractors and

their scaffolding will be in the chancel.

So, there will be plenty of photo opportunities and we plan to put the best up on social media to let people see what's happening. If you take any good shots while you are passing please do let us have them, thank you Russell of Prestige Photography, here in Ladbroke for setting the ball rolling on that.

We are making good progress on other aspects of the project too. We have appointed our evaluation consultants (compulsory for projects receiving large grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund), and are now investigating graphic designers. Our band of volunteers is also slowly growing, with the focus at present on social media, video, illustration and writing.

We are also starting to gear up for the first activity, "Who's in the Churchyard", led by Caryl Thompson.



We will be systematically taking photos of each gravestone with its GPS co-ordinates and transcribing the written information on them, that may involve quite a bit of deciphering on some of the oldest stones. Then the photos and information will be put online so that anyone, anywhere, who is researching their family tree or is just taking a virtual stroll through Ladbroke churchyard can see it. A second phase will be researching some of our graveyard characters.

Please email carylthompson123@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the *Who's in the Churchyard* team or ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com for more information about other volunteering roles.

Jackie West



Thatching in Ladbroke

The roof of *The Cottage* in Ladbroke has been transformed. You may remember its dark weather worn appearance, now it is once again golden and pristine, thanks to a team of skilled craftsmen, led by Master thatcher, Dan Quartermain. They started work in May and are due to finish at the end of June.



Thatching is an ancient craft and the tools of the trade have changed little over the centuries – you need ladders, a few basic hand tools and that's about all, plus the raw materials of course. For *The Cottage* that meant 10 tons of combed wheat straw and 20,000 hazel spars.

Nowadays most wheat is grown for the grain with short varieties giving the best yields

and standing up better to the weather. Thatching requires long stems, so it uses heritage wheat breeds such as Maris Widgeon; Dan gets his directly from a farm near Glastonbury. The method of harvesting is also old fashioned. Rather than use a combine harvester to separate the straw from the grain in the field as our local farmers do, for thatching it has to be cut, stooked to dry and then threshed to remove most of the grain from the head, which still remains in place at the top of each stem.

Preparation is key to a good finish. First of all, the top layer of the old thatch is removed and any irregularities evened out, otherwise the top surface would look lumpy (anyone putting roll-out icing over a rough cake surface will know what I mean). It's also critical and very laborious to get the straw flat and even. Each sheaf is split into armfuls, any crooked, damaged or upside down straws are removed before the cut ends are trimmed and it is tied up with

string. Then it is “butted out” i.e. hit repeatedly against a board to get those cut ends neat, once again removing any substandard pieces.

Up on the roof, once an armful is in position the string is cut off and the straw is blended into the adjacent section and held loosely in place with a few strands of straw held down by bent hazel spars. After several armfuls have been added, the position of the cut ends is fine tuned using a leggett (see photo last month) and the hazel spars are hit home in their final position. These rows of fixings are not seen as they are hidden by the layer of straw above. So, it goes on across and up the roof until the top is reached.



The top of the ridge is raised to increase the angle and improve water run-off, after all that's the point of the roof. It has a thick central roll of water reed with bundles of combed wheat straw bent over it, once again held down by hazel –

long straight pieces called liggers, with shorter ones forming the diagonal pattern, all held down with more bent hazel spars.

There are two main types of ridge and Ladbroke has examples of both. *Church Cottage* and *Attwood Cottage* have a raised ridge with a patterned cut edge while *Sarah's Cottage* and now *The Cottage* have the more traditional flush ridge. To make this, the bottom of the ridge is cut off with a thatcher's sickle and then manicured with shears so it appears to flow seamlessly into the main coat.

Then it's on to the final touches – netting is critical as birds and animals such as squirrels love to dig around in the straw looking for a free meal. Neighbours have been entertained throughout this job by a dozen or more of our resident jackdaws fossicking around for grain after the thatchers have gone home for the day.

Many thatched roofs have a decoration on them, sometimes it is the maker's mark like the peacocks on *Church Cottage*. However, I have it on good authority that the modern art installation "Ladders" is only used for works in progress!



Jackie West

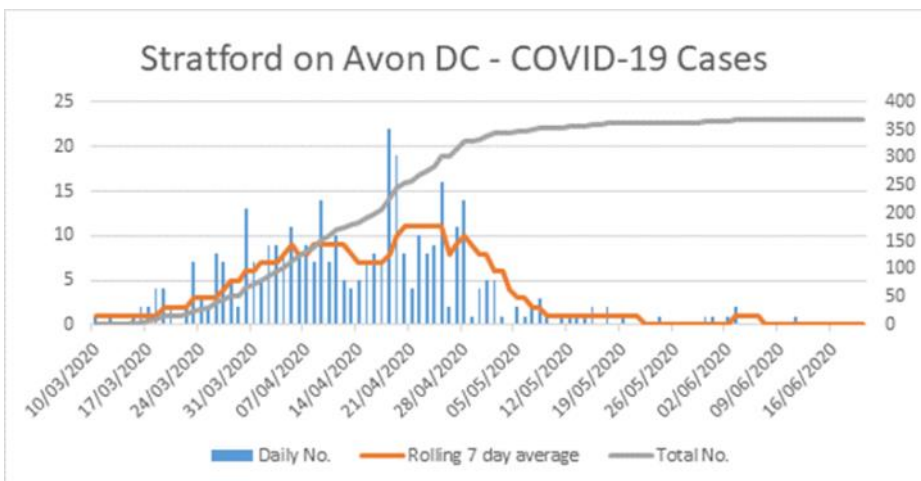


From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke

With the reopening of “non-essential” shops from 18th June, Town, District and County Councils have been working on plans to provide extra space in Stratford upon Avon to enable shoppers to comply with social distancing arrangements. In future it is intended to consider whether similar changes might be helpful for market towns, such as Southam. At the moment the Stratford scheme incorporates industrial barriers and fencing that seems quite inappropriate for heritage towns. I hope that further changes for Stratford and elsewhere will evolve into something more suitable. The scheme involves wider pavements, more space for cyclists and a number of traffic changes such as one-way systems.

On the subject of cycling, many years ago local representatives achieved a commitment from HS2 for a cycle and walking track from Ladbroke to Southam as part of their works. I have been seeking more detail on this from HS2, together with suggesting a more holistic approach. I have held an initial meeting with HS2 to see what opportunities there are to improve walking and cycling routes along other main roads into Southam from the villages, both during and after construction.

I am told the latest figures of laboratory confirmed cases in Stratford District show we have had 370, which indicates that the Covid infection rate has stabilised in our area. New cases having been in low single figures each week, and in some weeks zero, is good news. There is no cause for complacency however, with the UK being the worst affected country in Europe, and 'flare-ups' being a risk as the lock down is relaxed.



Further statements from government on what contacts are permitted and the reopening of business and venues such as pubs and restaurants, are being announced as I write. In the past months some of the regulations have fallen to the District Council to advise upon and enforce. No doubt some grey areas will arise as things like social distancing rules are less clear cut than before.

There are three recovery groups being set up by the District Council to address the challenges of the post-Covid world: 'Economic Recovery', 'Community' and 'Council Recovery' Groups. The first meeting of the 'Council Recovery' Group has been held and work will concentrate upon the financial consequences to the Council from Covid, a revised budget and longer term issues for the Council such as remote meetings and maximising homeworking. The other groups are being convened at the time of writing.

Following the first full Council meeting (held remotely with reduced numbers) which agreed a protocol for remote meetings and the first (remote) scrutiny committee, a calendar of meetings has been re-established. For the foreseeable future all of these meetings will be held by video conferencing, as gatherings of people indoors are still restricted. As planning committee

meetings routinely involve a significant degree of public participation, initially there will be a small number of cases coming before each committee, although in fact there is something of a backlog to be processed in coming weeks. The first video conference planning meeting took place on 17th June.

One of the other Council meetings that was held was to progress the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPD) for the Climate Emergency. Among other things, this document aims to enable better influence in planning for low carbon energy and environmental measures. Some of these controls were lost as a result of central government action in 2015, for example, preventing Stratford applying a 10% renewables rule in new developments. This was a policy I was instrumental in bringing into being many years ago and there is now hope that something like it can be reintroduced.

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

Official minutes can be viewed in the Library, on the Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646

June 2020 Meeting Report

Another virtual “Zoom” meeting with many more residents joining in. It was interesting to note that they were allowed to make comments throughout the meeting, where previously comments were only allowed before the major issues were discussed by Councillors.

The Chairman hoped the Library would open soon, possible after lockdown ended, but he was not certain that the County would be able to supply books. However, from 8th July, Biblio’s would be serving cakes and coffee on Wednesday and Saturday mornings for people to collect from the side door. There would be chairs outside on the grass in front of the Scout Hut. The drinks would be in disposable paper cups.

Cllr Gibb who is Chair of the School Governors reported that Reception and Years 1 and 6 would be in School from Monday to Thursday as well as vulnerable and key workers’ children. The School would be shut for cleaning on Fridays. Teachers were still providing online classes. He hoped that Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 could be in School for the last week of term. He could not say what would happen in September as Government advice kept changing.

He was against using the School during the Summer Holidays as he wanted the Teachers to have some rest. The “Pod” might be open for “before and after School” to help parents, if there were enough demand. Work continues to be done for the Key Stage 2 areas; the classrooms would be enlarged.

Work by the PTA and fundraising saw a new building provided where the old pool stood. The School was fully subscribed and was “Good for the Future”.

Cllr Thompson was pleased with progress on the Heritage Room in the school grounds. A disabled ramp was being provided by Murphy's and the group secured a grant from Seven Trent to help with the refurbishment.

County Councillor Bob Stevens reported that Southam College Governors would meet on 9th July. The Chairman said Year 12 had been into the school and there had been a full programme of lessons delivered online.

The Clerk reported that Harbury's Twinning French partners had sent a consignment of face masks for which they were gratefully thanked by Cllr Gibb.

Cllr Rutherford said the Village Hall would be working towards opening on 4th July but he needed to provide sanitisers, clean the kitchen, erect signs etc. He also had to ensure that each user hiring the Hall was able to provide proper distancing measures, so it might not all happen until 21st July. District Cllr Jacqui Harris warned that he should “nail down the sanitisers” as her experience was that they got stolen. Cllr Gibb warned that static electricity could set off the high alcohol content and severely burn users' hands!

District Cllr Harris gave news that the National Lottery Heritage Fund were surveying parish councils to suggest they archive their records. She reported that things were improving in the County's hospitals and that routine surgery might restart in mid-July.

County Councillor Bob Stevens agreed that virus cases were dropping except in Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Leicestershire. He would have further £4k of grant aid to disperse later in the year for parish councils.

He warned Councillors that the County Road Engineer for the District was “away until August”; he complained that HS2 steamrollered everything and their programme on “traffic control” was “not very good”. They had given two different dates for when they would get the tunnel boring machine in place and claimed the work would be done by the end of September.

Planning: After much discussion and further information provided by Mrs Fletcher for the applicants, Cllrs made “no representation” on retaining a wooden building at Orchard Barn, Deppers Bridge as the “Change of Use” was longstanding, the building was 200ft. from the neighbour's property and did not severely compromise their amenity.

Applications for tree work at 8 Ivy Lane, 8 Farm Street and the Stone House in Mill Street also elicited “No Representation” from the Councillors.

Environment: There was even more discussion about speeding in both Harbury and Deppers Bridge with especial concern for their railway bridge as HGVs continue to ignore the weight limit there. The County Council should enforce the limit but HS2 road closures are funnelling lorries over the bridge. Butt Lane was also suffering more speeding and this was stretching into the village.

A Deppers resident complained things were getting worse and householders with vehicles parked on the road were being verbally abused by drivers who

were forced to slow down! Cllrs Ekins and Gibb wanted to stop speeding, perhaps by the installation of a flashing sign such as is in Radford Semele. Stratford Cllr Harris suggested that the best move was for Cllrs and residents to attend the Community Forum where they could put their concerns to the Police who would then have to visit Deppers Bridge.

Cllr Gibb said recent developments of several hundred new houses was causing severe pressure on our roads. The Clerk said the condition of Ladbroke Road was of concern, as was the speeding. The Chairman said “someone should not have to die before the County acts” although he did understand that their budget was limited. We had long been promised traffic lights, funded by developers, at the Fosse Crossroad, which has an awful accident record. We are now faced with 2-3 months of HS2 road closures so the problem will get worse.

There was a suggestion that Chesterton Road (Windmill Lane as was) have the speed limit reduced from 60mph to 50pmh and Cllrs decided to include this in the wider Parish push for greater enforcement of speed limits.

Properties: After long discussion, and because, they jested, that Cllr Mancell was not there to restrain them, Cllrs agreed to support the installation of CCTV at the playing fields and car park at a cost of £5,775 to be shared between the Council and Village Hall. Maintenance costs would be £165/yr.

They discussed a request to allow a mobile coffee shop at the playing fields, having agreed that it would be sited on the space at the end of the car park; that the owner would have to adhere to terms and conditions set out by the Properties Committee. The agreement would be subject to review.

The Chairman announced that he hoped Murphy’s would put a drain across the playing field into the ditch on the east side to alleviate the recent flooding problems.

The children’s play area and adult exercise equipment would be “freed” after lockdown and Cllrs would monitor safety with weekly inspections.

The Council was unable to provide an allotment plot for people with dementia as no plot was free but the Clerk would ask if any plot holders were willing to offer half of their holdings for the project.

General Purposes: This is usually boring bits about finance, but did contain discussion on using the Deppers “phone box” as a repository for another defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1,800. It would have to be checked each week to ensure the electricity was working properly.

The Chairman also explained how the small grant fund works and its priorities. It is usually to support “youth activities” but will give grants to other Harbury organisations. All Councillors vote on these applications.

Finally, Chairman Tim Lockley gave an update on the work of the volunteers whom he intended to meet next week. He thanked Nigel Chapman and Linda Ridgley for judging the Parish Council’s Photography Competition and would write to the winners.

Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd July, 7.30pm - venue to be confirmed but could be remote.

Parish Council News

Litter on Playing Field

With a lot of people being at home during lockdown, and the (mostly) fantastic weather we've enjoyed over the last three months, more people than ever are using the playing field. This is great news but unfortunately, it has meant an increase in the amount of litter. We would be very grateful if everyone used the bins provided and if these are already full, please take your rubbish home with you. Please let's all do our best to keep the playing field a clean and tidy space for everyone to enjoy.

Speeding

A number of residents have raised concerns recently about speeding along Butt Lane and Bush Heath Road. Speeding is a police matter and any incidents should be reported to the police for them to take the necessary action.

Contacting Southam Police

Our local police team at Southam is led by PC Matt Simms. Contact details are as follows:

Email: southam.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Tel: 01926 815158

Members of the team also have work mobile numbers in use when they are on duty:

Matt Simms 07814 048543

Kat Champion 07919 887674

Nas Hussain 07870 167909

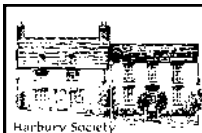
Harbury Parish Council

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Julie Balch, Steve Ekins, Chris Gibb, Alan Knowles, Tony Mancell, Andrew Rutherford, Janet Thornley



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate any non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. For the time being please bring any donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, during these times only. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your donations. Please observe the usual safety advice and distancing. Thank you.



From the Archives of Harbury Society - Chesterton Archaeological field walk, April 1974



The walk, led by Mr Millington, began in the layby opposite Chesterton Windmill. The Mill, although sometimes attributed to Inigo Jones, is thought to have been built by John Stone in 1632. There is some dispute as to whether it was originally a mill, or a gazebo, but it was definitely a working mill by the year 1647. There is a replica of the mill in Newport, Rhode Island.

To the north-west is the Roman Posting Station of about eight acres on the Fosse. To the west is Oakley Wood where there is an Iron Age Fort. To the south-west is Chesterton Wood where there are remains of a Bronze Age Barrow.

The main road to the north is an ancient ridgeway to Wormleighton and the south. It forms the parish boundary and in the past was the boundary between the Dioceses of Lichfield and Worcester and the boundary between the Hwicce and Dubonni Tribes.

The hedge to the southern side of the road from Harbury to the Fosse is estimated to be at least 1,000 years old. Modern methods of dating hedges rely on the assumption that it takes at least 100 years for a new species of tree or shrub to establish itself in a hedge.

The hedge is divided into 100 yard sections and the number of different species in each is counted. So a hedge with four different species per 100 yard length might be 400 years old and one with 10 species, such as this hedge, could be 1,000 years old.

Many hedges were first planted at the time the land was enclosed, often in the 18th Century. These hedges were of quickthorn, but now they may well have an average of one other species per 100 yard length, indicating that they are now over 100 years old.

Lodge Clump was a clump of trees on the brow of the hill to the east. The trees were only recently felled. A lodge, or summer house was built there in the seventeenth century as part of Chesterton Manor. The lodge was Jacobean and had only two rooms, one up and one down, and was said to have been connected to the Manor by a tunnel.

There is a spring to the south of the Mill which provided a water supply and may have been equally important in Roman times, because excavation of the lodge site has revealed Roman pottery.

Chesterton - The village had two mills at Domesday - one probably on the site of the present watermill, and one to the north of the Church. The village is thought to have been to the east of the Church at this time but the inhabitants were moved out when the Barons emparked the land. The new village was deserted when the Black Death struck and another, more dispersed village was built still further to the west at Chesterton Green.

Humble Bee Cottages were the stable block of the Manor and they and the wall of the walled garden are all that remains of the Palladian Mansion built by John Stone in 1662. The Manor lay to the south of Humble Bee Cottages and belonged to the Peyton family which died out in 1764, leaving the Manor to Lord Willoughby de Brooke. There was a dispute over his ownership which he “resolved” by pulling the mansion down! Some of the stone was used in the wall round the Chapel in Chapel Street, Harbury and elsewhere in the village.



Humble Bee Cottages - June 2020

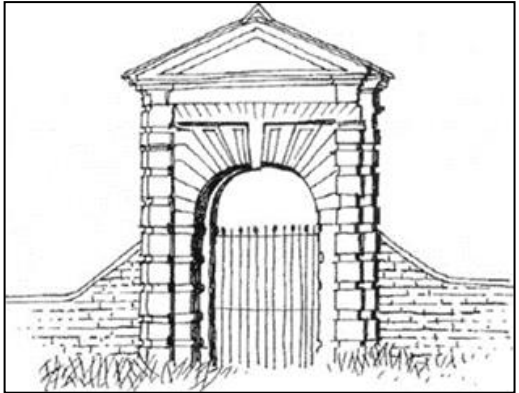
Moat and Fishponds - The moated Mediaeval Manor was to the west of the fishponds. The stone foundations of a drawbridge to the Manor have been unearthed. The ditch and bank are thought to be the remains of the early Mediaeval Mill Run and the marshy area to the east is a fishpond. The field between the fishponds and the Church is called “Tournament Field” and may have been both a jousting fields and later a sunken garden.

Church and Gateway - The Church, St. Giles, is eleventh century and was founded by Richard the Forester. The tower is seventeenth Century and the whole was restored in 1862. The brick arched gateway (drawing on next page) is to a design by Inigo Jones and was built in a direct line with the Church and the Manor House on the hill to the north.

Beehives - Where the beehives now stand by the footpath that runs back to Humble Bee Cottages - is Chesterton Church End - the supposed site of an Anglo-Saxon village.

Ewe Field Farm - To the north of the farm, is the site of a Roman villa, partially excavated in 1922. Roman pottery and pieces of mosaic pavement were found.

Lodge Farm - The drive to Lodge Farm was the main street of



Chesterton Magna, the Mediaeval village. At least twenty house platforms have been discovered and it is possible that the village had a main street running NE/SW with houses on either side – with a back land to the east with dwellings to either side of that. The village was deserted at the time of the Plague and new settlement was more dispersed at Chesterton Green.

Chesterton Green - This is now the major settlement, but its population has fluctuated. By the fifteenth century part of the land was already enclosed and sheep farming was important. This caused a further depopulation as the peasants no longer had enough arable land to support themselves. The population increased slowly after the mid-nineteenth century, but declined again after the Second World War. The school was built in 1866 for forty children, but by 1934 there were only twenty children attending and the school closed in 1953.

Watermill - The Watermill is on the site of one of the Domesday mills. The present mill is mid-seventeenth century and incorporates a bakery. The machinery of both is still intact. It is probable that there was once a pottery on this site - the field to the east is called Pottery Field.

The Mill is privately owned and kept as a private nature reserve.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

June report

The National Federation Annual Meeting which should have been held in the Albert Hall at the beginning of June had to be cancelled; the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held at the Albert Hall on 19th April 2021. We have recently heard that two Warwickshire members have been re-elected on to the National board. Lynne Stubbings is National Chairman and Jeryl Stone is Vice Chairman.

Two resolutions had been chosen to be debated at the meeting and they have now been adopted by the WI to be campaigned on.

The first resolution was a call to increase potential stem cell donation; members were urged to promote registration to the database to avoid people dying while waiting for a match.

The second resolution called on members to raise awareness of modern slavery in the UK and to campaign to defeat it. NFWI calls on the government to protect the victims of modern slavery and deliver support to help them rebuild their lives.

At the end of May, the committee were approached by the PTA for a grant to help with a project in the school grounds. Villagers walking past the school may have noticed the development of an outdoor classroom. The PTA had organised a weekend working party just before lockdown to clear the site and intended to have another working party to finish off the project by building raised beds on the site. Clearly, they haven't been able to have the second working party and neither have they been able to hold any planned fundraising events. The committee agreed to give the PTA £520 from the WI Community Fund so that the project can be finished.

Sadly, more events are having to be cancelled or postponed until the Autumn. We have just been informed that the current membership period has been extended by three months until 1st April. The Warwickshire Federation are offering a variety of "remote" events and competitions during the summer.



Our July meeting has been cancelled. Peggy King was due to be speaking about her life in Surabaya, East Java. She has agreed to do her talk in July 2021 instead. In spite of the lack of meetings, we know that our members are keeping in touch with each other via phone calls, e-mails, meeting on walks and in gardens and via Zoom. Let's hope life will soon return to normal; the committee are meeting regularly on Zoom, keen to get events happening again when regulations allow.

We are hoping to revive the village cinema as soon as possible. Do let our members know how you would feel about this as, hopefully, life gets more normal.

No Carnival photographs for 2020 but look what the WI were doing in 2007. Subject still relevant "Global Warming". Lots more photographs like this in the Heritage Room.





Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

A Gift from France

In mid-June, our Chairman received from the Samoisi-sur-Seine Twinning Committee a gift of 62 face masks made by volunteers in the village of Samoisi. The letter which accompanied the packed is reproduced below. This gift illustrates the bond of friendship and goodwill that has been built up between the residents of the two villages through Twinning.

COMITE DE JUMELAGE

SAMOISI SUR SEINE / HARBURY



Dear President,

The coronavirus crisis has severely affected in many ways our two countries and consequently our villages.

The measures taken by our health authorities sometimes diverge. But everyone agrees on the value of wearing a protective mask even if it is not the only thing to do to protect ourselves.

Volunteers from Samoisi, including several members of the twinning committee, set up a mask handmaid workshop for the inhabitants.

We often talk about the strong links between our villages through twinning. Also, we found in the idea of sending you masks for the members of the twinning, the concrete translation of our attachment to this friendship.

Hoping you all in good health in this sunny spring but so special indeed !

I'm not sure of the efficiency but don't forget the famous English proverb « One beer a day keeps the virus away » !

Very seriously, take care of yourself !

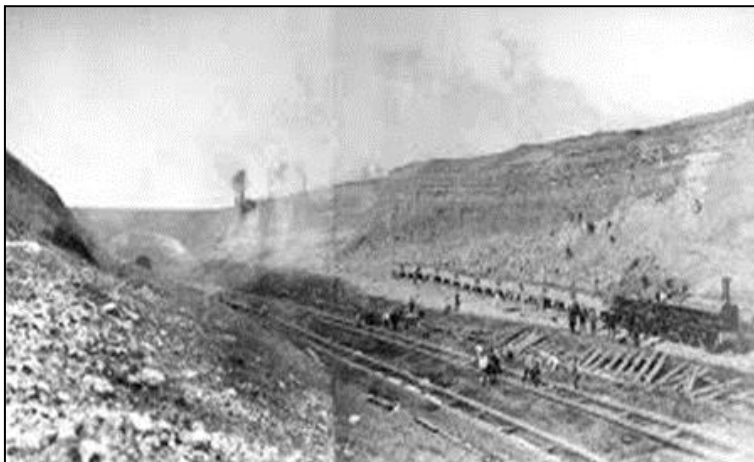
With best regards from the French Committee

For the french committee

Sylvain JEROME



Harbury Cutting - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow



If you have lived in Harbury for some time, I'm sure that you will know a little of the history of the Harbury Railway Cutting.

Designed by Brunel in 1852, the cutting was at that time the largest hand-dug railway cutting in the world. It measures 34 metres deep (111 feet), 91 metres wide (298 feet) and 500 metres long (1640 feet). If you want to find out more about this historic piece of engineering then visit the New Heritage Centre set in the Primary School grounds, hopefully opening soon.

Phase One

At the start of 2015 Harbury made the national news when a land-slip on part of the cutting caused the main Chiltern Railways Line to be closed. As a result, Network Rail commissioned J Murphy



and Sons to safely remove 350,000 tonnes of earth and soil from the cutting and then terrace the embankment between the Three Arch Bridge and the tunnel under the B4452.

A press release at the time read as follows: 'a large landslide near Harbury Tunnel is to keep the line closed between Banbury and Leamington Spa for several weeks causing disruption to passengers travelling between Birmingham and London and Birmingham and the South Coast.

Network Rail had been carrying out stabilisation work at the site after a much smaller landslide elsewhere at the site on 14th February 2014. These works were underway when the slope failed at 14:30 on Saturday 31st January. No one was injured when the landslide happened'.

The photo on the previous page shows the completed project.

Phase Two

Regular monitoring of the cutting, with its different rock formations (the area has been designated as a one of special scientific interest), showed significant movement of the cutting on the south side of Harbury Tunnel. This could not be left in case another land slip occurred. Network Rail released this statement in November 2019.

'The £9m investment near Harbury, between Leamington Spa and Banbury, will stabilise half a mile of railway along the busy route.

Network Rail's vital work - on the south side of Harbury Tunnel - will mean Chiltern Railways and Cross Country passengers will continue to benefit from a safe and reliable service on the line between London and the West Midlands.

It will take up to a year to complete but there will be no disruption to passengers during the work and train services will continue to run as normal.

The cutting, at the rear of the Churchlands Business Park, will be made less steep and pinned using large nails and piles to make it more stable. A new retaining wall will also be built at the bottom of the slope to help prevent soil movement'

There is a lot more information on the Network Rail website where you can find regular updates. The project is due to be completed by the end of the year.

The photographs on the next page show progress on Phase Two. They were sent to me by Mark Cowper of J Murphy and Sons.

I contacted Network Rail in November last year, after I read the press release regarding Phase Two of the Harbury Cutting, to see if they could help with the landscaping work outside the New Heritage Centre. In 2015, their contactors, Murphy's, helped with a lot of 'community work' in our village. Mark Cowper contacted me on their behalf and duly undertook the work with a team led on site by Tim Pratchett, also of Murphy's.



In less than a week, the team had transformed the front of the building constructing a disabled access ramp and hard landscaping the remaining area.

The Harbury Heritage Group is extremely grateful to Mark, Tim and the rest of the team for the work they have done.

The two photographs below show 'before' and 'after'.





We had plans ...we still do

HEI has been a bit constrained in what it can achieve at the moment. We had plans, as you will recall, to start a Repair Cafe and a Library of Things, led by Rich Fowler. This has had to be postponed to a time when skies are sunnier, hearts are lighter and the threatening Covid cloud has dispersed. We have, however, been able to work on a few things. Our ideas for Harbury Future Energy continue to develop, the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network now has a logo and the church appeal has been launched, so, led by Philip Mayer, we are back into green energy and carbon reduction mode for the revised and updated version of All Saints Harbury. You will already have read about the church plans, so I won't comment further but I can tell you more about the other two projects.

Electric cars - what Harbury thinks.

Apparently Harbury's survey of electric vehicle and charge point demand may be the first significant survey on the topic in a rural area. The fact that there will be no more internal combustion car engines built after 2035 (maybe even 2030) and that Clean Air Zones similar to London's Low Emission and Ultra Low Emission Zones will be coming to Birmingham and Coventry very soon, should make us all focus on the next mobility decisions we make; that includes me. It presents significant infra-structure problems with charge points still too scattered, too few and not standardised. We are trying to address this locally with our latest project Harbury Future Energy. You might like to see some of the key findings of the survey in our village.



Over 50% have two cars in their household.



Only 3% have a company car.



A total of 14 EVs (electric cars) and hybrids are identified in the village (7.2% of households responding). One household has two EVs.



51% of respondents felt they are well informed about EVs: 35% would like to know more.



63% indicated they will consider buying an EV in the next five years.



90% have off road parking space within their property (where a home electric charge point could be installed)



93% currently do not have an EV charge point at home.



50% of responders said they would use a rapid (50kW) charge point if they were going to use the community charging station with 16% indicating they would use a fast (7kW) charger.



14% of respondents would consider using charging overnight.



92% thought it was a good idea for Harbury to have its own EV charging station for community, local business and visitor use.

We were happily surprised to find that over 50% of the people surveyed considered themselves well informed about EVs and another 35% want to know more. This is a significant finding and shows, perhaps, that the presence of e-Wheels's two cars in the middle of our village has raised awareness and generated interest. Quite a few of you have been in them. I doubt that a similar result would be received in most villages.

It is, of course, also very gratifying to know that 92% of respondents thought that it was a good idea to have our own charging station in the village. Let's see if together we can make it happen.

The project steering group, with our consultants Greenwatt Technology, still has a lot to do and we are looking forward to a time when we can talk to people face to face about our plans. At the moment we are testing feasibility and looking at options. Your views will play a major part in the final decisions.

HEI spreads its reach

The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network was created by HEI, supported by the RSA, with the aim of stimulating new climate action and environmental projects across the county and bringing together groups already active to share ideas. We are particularly targeting rural communities but not exclusively. Things were progressing brilliantly until Covid-19 arrived. We haven't stopped working on plans, however. We now have a logo thanks to local graphic design wizard, Richard Marshall-Hardy. Here it is:

You can see more of what we are doing with all this activity explained in a little more detail on our new website www.harburyenergy.co.uk. Just looking is free!





Harbury e-Wheels

Peter Walshe

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Twenty Minutes of Fun!

In these times of no multiple gatherings Harbury e-Wheels is still fundraising.

Every second Tuesday of the Month (next quiz **7.05pm** Tuesday 14th July) you can have 25 minutes of fun by registering with www.virtualquizevents.com (if you have not already done so) and then click on <https://www.virtualquizevents.com/quiz/e-wheels-monthly-fundraising/> or look up 'Available Quiz Events' and search for 'e-wheels'. You can then enter (paying a small fee of £3). On the night make sure you log in before the start and then enjoy the challenge. The quizzes are simple multiple-choice questions with a time limit for your answers. People who played the inaugural event loved it, so we thought we would make it a regular date.

Thank you for supporting Harbury e-Wheels.

Peter Walshe (e-Wheels Trustee)



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Harbury RFC Commence Pre-Season Fitness work in accordance with RFU and Government Guidelines

Harbury RFC recently held a virtual players' meeting to catch up with players and to inform them of the ongoing works that had been undertaken and to gain an idea of their needs and wishes for the forthcoming season.

The 2019/20 season was curtailed by the RFU in March and the Midlands RFU in co-operation with the RFU, resolved the promotions and relegations from each league, for better or worse.

Harbury play in Midlands West 4 (South) and this continues to be the case for 2020/21. Bromyard and Tenbury were promoted and Kings Norton were relegated (Dunlop having withdrawn during the season).

The 12 Club league will include Bedworth and Upton on Severn who come down from MW3 together with Chaddesley Corbett and Rugby Welsh who have been promoted from MW5 together with the existing eight clubs.

The meeting highlighted the good work that has been completed around the club, pitch maintenance is ongoing and the playing surfaces have been aerated to reduce compaction together with regular grass cutting.

Club Chairman Matt Knight focused on ensuring that the playing side is boosted and particularly commented on the Mini and Junior (M&J) teams.

He not only picked up on the outstanding contribution that they make in promoting the game but also the role that senior members can play in helping the junior sides through their coaching and training. He also welcomed and congratulated Phil Sheepy on his appointment as the new Chair of the M&J Section. Phil and the Club Committee will prepare a five year plan for the Club going forward.

Pre-Season Fitness Sessions

While we await a date for the coming season to commence, the club are offering fitness sessions on a Tuesday evening. These sessions are delivered in accordance with RFU and Government Guidelines on Social Distancing and enables players to gain vital pre-season fitness. The first session was attended by an encouraging 23 senior players increasing to 28 players the following week.

New players can expect a warm, safe and friendly environment. In the first instance contact the Club secretary at tomkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk for details of what is planned during the coming weeks.

KEEP SAFE.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Harbury Pre-School are very excited to announce that we received **Outstanding** in our latest Ofsted Inspection, across all of the four inspection areas - leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; and outcomes for children.

A huge thank you to everyone involved. We are so proud of our achievements and look forward to the future. Here are a few snippets from the OFSTED Report:

"The manager and staff are extremely passionate about the work that they do. They know each child very well in this inclusive setting."

"Opportunities for children to develop their physical skills are continually well promoted. Children have fun and happily take on challenges, such as walking along balance beams and climbing over structures. They willingly try and try again, and staff are quick to celebrate their achievements."

"Children develop positive relationships and make friends easily with others who attend. They work together on chosen tasks."

"Children receive a very high quality of education. Staff have a clear understanding of each child's learning needs."

"The environment is bright and full of stimulating resources and experiences which draw children in. Children access the resources that interest them and regularly seek to involve staff in their play."

The full report can be viewed at the following link: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50151227>

Thank you

A huge thank you to Peter Lloyd from Street Chef in Harbury for kindly donating a percentage of money raised from the supper club to Harbury Pre-School and the Food Bank.

Another huge thank you to Vicky Gladden and Heather Clarke for their donation to Pre-School following the recent wheelbarrow event they organised for the village.

We are extremely grateful for their support.



We're back! I can't tell you how lovely it has been for each one of our staff team to be back at Pre-School and welcoming back our children after nearly three months away!

We have really missed them and are so happy to see them and hear all about what they have been up to whilst they've been at home.

The children have adapted to the new routines and changes beautifully and with maturity and we are immensely proud of them.

Since returning, the children have been busy exploring mini beasts and looking at life cycles, building towers, creating and climbing on the obstacle course outside, enjoying painting and drawing, playing in the role play kitchen area and been enjoying lots of stories, singing, music and movement!

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org.uk You can also find us on Facebook.





Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

The Village Hall has been a quiet place for the last few months, full of the echoes of better times. The highlight has been testing the sound system with my granddaughter (her choice of music).

We can at last start working towards re-opening sometime in July. There is advice available on how to make the Hall more Covid-19 secure, and we will be making recommendations for seating capacity and arrangement of seats for different types of events. We are putting in place procedures for entering / leaving the hall, installing hand sanitisers, buying Perspex guards for the serving hatches, and new cleaning/wipedown schedules.



Our Terms and Conditions of hire will reflect the “new normal”, and we will expect hirers of the Hall to assess properly what risks their activity may involve. We are always happy to discuss possible uses of the Hall in detail with regular and new hirers.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

Library News

As Lockdown eases, we are pleased to be able to say that, while there is still uncertainty about how soon Warwickshire Libraries will re-open after 4th July, **Harbury Village Library** (HVL) will continue to provide access to books from our own stock, the Blue Label Collection. We now have over 4000 books which have been bought for HVL's exclusive use or donated by villagers over the years. Without this, we would not be in a position to offer our **Home Delivery, Takeaway or Click and Collect** services, details of which can be

found on our website: www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk For the time being we will continue to be open twice a week outside or in the lobby of the Library, on **Mondays between 10am and 12.30pm and Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm.**

Biblio's Café

Good news - Biblio's will be opening for **take-away drinks**, hot and cold, and cakes and other baked goods from **Wednesday 8th July** from the side kitchen door. Opening hours will be **10-11.30am on Wednesdays and 10am -12 noon on Saturdays.** Some limited, socially distanced seating will be available outside at the front of the building. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for changes to these times and days, as there may well be new developments before the next edition of your village magazine. Information on opening hours and what is on offer will also be posted outside the Library on the door, and on the village noticeboards.

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Website: www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/HVLBC/>



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

A big 'hello' to everyone. Where did the last month go? Hopefully you will have had chance to walk along Crown Street and see the difference it has made to the appearance of the Club now that the conifers have been chopped down. I did not know that there was a fence in there! We will be having a working party as soon as we can to replace the worn parts and make the rest secure. The four pots have been so colourful for months now and I will replace the plants in the next two weeks and just a few of the ones along the drive. I can thoroughly recommend heucheras - such versatile plants in all colours with the added bonus of huge flower spikes which last for ages. I have over 40 in



my garden in pots and in my borders. I have become a heucheraholic and invented a new word at the same time.

Thank goodness for the recent spells of rain but we could do with more. The problem of the very low levels of water in our butts at our allotments has been alleviated due to the generosity of the Tom Hauley room who very kindly let us use their outside tap and many garden hoses over the wall to fill up our water butts. We do so appreciate this and hope our donation will help the church. This has brought out the very best in our village organisations and long may it continue.



My runner and climbing French beans are galloping up the wigwam poles. The courgettes look set for another bumper harvest, ditto lettuces, beetroot, carrots, tomatoes, aubergines and much more. It is so therapeutic at the allotments and nature is amazing. There is a very tame blackbird who visits us when we are digging or forking over the soil and he is rewarded with a few earthworms as with the ground being so hard during the heatwave they were not able to find many worms. We have had a hedgehog visiting our garden so have been leaving a fresh bowl of water every night. Haven't seen one in our garden for ages. Hope you were able to watch Springwatch recently. Such a good format this year from the presenters' homes and more of the nature around them. So much better than being in a studio and rambling on about things; let us hope that they decide to keep this formula for Autumnwatch. Some wonderful pictures of the storks nesting and the beavers in Cornwall. We are so lucky that we have all of this.

Have you been watching the great train journeys narrated by Bill Nighy? Very relaxing and informative. The one last Saturday was about Sri Lanka. We went there before the tsunami and the people were so friendly and happy despite being quite poor. The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic was so special as were the huge Buddha statues. We saw what remains of the tree where it is said that Buddha gained enlightenment. We also saw the tea plantations and the hotel we stayed at was Hill House and so old fashioned, not like the one shown, so modern. The tea pickers earned then the equivalent of 75p a basket of tea leaves, but where they lived there were schools and medical centres. The Finland one was good too. There have been some little gems on TV but of course an awful lot of repeats.

Hopefully we should get news this week of when we will be allowed to open the club. We will of course have to do a lot of work prior to this in order to comply with the legislation but it will be so nice to welcome everyone back and of course we are lucky to have the outside space too. If anyone has any garden furniture they do not use we would be glad to take this off your hands. We have been so appreciative of the food from The Crown and delivered to your door. I can recommend the beer battered fish and chips.

The best news is that I have a hair appointment on Monday 6th July! I cannot wait and will have a lovely two hours or so getting my hair trimmed and colour

sorted out. One of my friends who volunteers at Upton said that her hair has never been so long and that she is thinking of sporting a pony tail! The gardens are open at Upton from 22nd June but not the House - I doubt we will be opening that for many more weeks. English Heritage have many properties open now and have said that all of them will be open from August. Our first visit will be to Eltham Palace, a superb home to the Courtauld family and art deco with the 15th century hall such a contrast. It really is a superb example of art deco and they had a pet lemur who had his own quarters.

I am attaching another general knowledge quiz and answers which I hope you will enjoy. Looking forward to seeing all our friends at the club; thank you for your continued support.



General Knowledge Quiz

- 1) Which word links a horizontal bar and a bird
- 2) What was the first name of Dutch explorer Tasman
- 3) What name links a cartoon cat with the James Bond character Mr Lester
- 4) Which region of Guyana gives its name to a variety of sugar
- 5) What is a decorative plaster technique used on ceilings
- 6) Which knitted garment is named after an earl
- 7) Which sea ducks yield fine down for stuffing quilts
- 8) In which battle was Simon de Montfort defeated
- 9) Which UK band had chart success with Whole Lotta Love
- 10) What is the last word in the Greek alphabet
- 11) What spice is the grated seed of a tropical tree
- 12) What nationality was the composer Grieg
- 13) What is a long jagged mountain chain especially in Spain
- 14) Which hat is named after a novel by George du Maurier
- 15) What word is used to describe a word or sentence which reads the same backwards as forwards
- 16) What was the title of Cordelia's suitor in King Lear
- 17) What is a small piercing implement similar to a bodkin
- 18) What is a small edible species of the partridge family

19) What kinds of plants are members of the pea family

20) What name links Nebraska's state capital to an East Midlands city

Answers on page 50.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

You may be aware that our garden is normally open for the National Garden Scheme. The opening times are every weekend from 10am until 4pm. We raise about £1000 annually which is distributed to various caring charities including Macmillan Cancer Care, Marie Curie and Perennial which is for people who work in horticulture but who have fallen on hard times.

Now that many of the restrictions have been lifted we are able to have the gate open again for garden visitors. I look forward to seeing you at some point. Having said all that, I feel very behind with some of the jobs. The winter is my best time to add in plants or move others or remove some which are looking a bit ropey (technical term!) But it was just too wet to do any of those things. There are gaps where some large shrubs died after the winter wet but since then it has been far too dry to dare to plant anything. Do come along and check my progress (or lack of it, depending on the weather).

Those plants which survived the excess rainfall have rewarded us with much more growth than usual and it seems that a lot more pruning needs to be done to all the shrubs. The general rule is to prune after the plant has finished flowering. I know many people who are a tad nervous about pruning (I love it). Quite often some of the older stems need to be cut close to the ground. Please don't prune everything like a lollipop, it looks horrible.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

During the enforced curtailment of meetings of the U3A Natural History Group, we have kept in contact via email. Members have been sending in reports of what they have seen when out and about often accompanied by photographs. Our member Anne Hill sent me stunning pictures of butterflies seen at Harbury Spoilbank. They included Marbled Whites, Ringlets and one of our largest butterflies, the Dark Green Fritillary. The food plant of the latter is the Violet and this is where eggs are laid in July and August. On hatching the tiny caterpillar immediately hibernates in the leaf litter to emerge in spring to feed on fresh violet leaves. Tony Brunton sent me a picture he had taken in his butterfly friendly garden of a Dark Green Fritillary. The route from the

Spoilbank was presumably via the railway cutting though work there at the moment may not be aiding insects.



Bee Orchid

I hope some of you have made the short journey to Ettington and its nearby cutting. This starts at the roundabout where the A429 and A422 meet. It is worth walking alongside the A429 in a southerly direction. (An OS map is useful). After about 1km there is a turning on the right where a minor road leads to the Ettington Park Hotel. Search the hedgerow on the left and you will find the old line of the A429 which leads back up to the village. Now a bridleway, it becomes a minor road and gets you away from the

traffic. There are benches when you get to the churchyard. In the cutting I found plenty of Pyramidal Orchids, a solitary Bee Orchid and the tall spikes of Common Spotted Orchids. Do search an area of trees and shrubs on the other side of the roundabout where White Letter Hairstreak butterflies can be found. Their food plant is Elm and consequently, since Dutch Elm disease, we have lost many colonies. Here, where you find some Elm and Privet, look for this dainty butterfly throughout July. A pair of binoculars will help your search of the canopy where the butterflies go to feed on honeydew.

Yesterday, whilst cycling to Charlecote in order to look for Bee orchids and Chimney Sweeper moths, I was caught in a thunderstorm and diverted to the sanctuary of Newbold Pacey church. It is a lovely quiet spot just down a cul-de-sac off the busy B4087 road to Wellesbourne. The steeple is more akin to the churches further east in Northamptonshire than those in Warwickshire. From the church a footpath leads beside a hedge down across a brook and up beside a cricket pitch to Ashorne. It is worth going that way keeping an eye on the plentiful Comfrey growing on your left. You may see an impressive moth, the Scarlet Tiger which flies both in the day and at night. It is described as a vagrant in David Brown's book, 'The Larger Moths of Warwickshire' but, probably due to global warming, is spreading north so more will be reported. Besides Comfrey, the caterpillar feeds on hollyhock, nettles, brambles and honeysuckle.

The Large Blue butterfly became extinct in Britain in 1979 but has been successfully re-introduced after an intense study of the insect's life cycle. The caterpillar mimics in size, hairiness and scent a red ant grub of the species *myrmica*. When such ants find the caterpillar and tap it with their antennae, they are rewarded by a drop of fluid released from its honey gland. Eventually the ant is satiated and proceeds to pick up



the caterpillar in its jaws and convey it to the nest. There, the 'cuckoo' feasts on ant grubs and becomes a bloated maggot before retreating to pupate. Wild thyme is its food plant at first but it later becomes a carnivore as it gorges on ant grubs.

I saw my first Large Blue butterfly at Daneway Bank Nature Reserve in the Cotswolds between Cirencester and Stroud yesterday (23rd June). We were meeting two of our grandchildren who came up from Bath. After a picnic we walked through cool woods beside the derelict Thames and Severn Canal before emerging on a south facing hillside of turf and plentiful ant hills. Our granddaughter's sharper eyesight was the key to our success, a memory to savour on a perfect summer's day.



General Section



Retirement of Dr Wilkinson

On 10th July 2020, Dr Jonathan Wilkinson will be retiring. A graduate of Birmingham Medical school, Dr Wilkinson joined Harbury Surgery in 1995 when he replaced Dr Wilne, and he has remained a GP partner at the practice for the past 25 years.

Over the years, Dr Wilkinson has been a dedicated doctor, and has seen lots of changes during his time in family medicine. He has got to know many of his patients well. Children he treated at the start of his career are now parents themselves, such is the longevity of his time in Harbury and Bishops Itchington.

He has been a great asset to the practice, and we would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.

Asim Arif
Practice Manager



The Non-Wheelbarrow Race 2020 Lockdown Edition

On Sunday 7th June, we celebrated, what should have been the 25th anniversary of the Wheelbarrow Race, with a selection of events that the whole village could get involved in.

We had four categories that people could enter. A decorated wheelbarrow competition. A photographic competition where entrants had to take a photo of themselves and their barrow in an unusual location. An arts and crafts competition for the children to make, draw or paint their own wheelbarrow. And finally, anyone could enter the lucky dip to be crowned the Winner of the Non-Wheelbarrow Race 2020 - a chance to win the wheelbarrow race without having to drink any lukewarm beer or do any running whatsoever!

We were amazed by the number of decorated wheelbarrows that were entered. 24 in total! All entries were amazing with so much thought being put into them. It was great walking around the village seeing all of your creations. The winner of the Decorated Wheelbarrow competition was Liz McBride with her fabulous barrow capturing the spirit of the wheelbarrow race. A close second were the team from Neales Close with their socially distanced wheelbarrow and art work made by the children from the close. Third place went to Queens Close for their Queens Head pub themed barrows. In fourth place was Sheila Burt and her singing aeroplane wheelbarrow and fifth place went to Ceri Edwards and her teddy in a flowery car wheelbarrow.

We had so many entries that we decided on the day to also award prizes for the best wheelbarrows by the children of the village. Chloe Holliday's vets' practice took first place, with the Morrill children in second place with their pirate ship and Henry and Rosie Jones' Morris dancing wheelbarrow in third.

The prizes for the photographic competition were won by the Neales Close medical staff in first place, Leah Wallington in her kitchen in second and The Crown Inn in third with their well balanced barrow.

First prize in the children's art work went jointly to Gracie Murphy and Poppy Blundell for their fantastic wheelbarrow models, Eliza Cleaver's drawing came second and Henry Jones' painting was third. Well done everyone for your really creative entries.

And finally, after a lot of hard work, training, dedication, blood, sweat and tears, the official winner of the Non-Wheelbarrow Race 2020 Lockdown Edition (picked randomly out of a wheelbarrow) was Lisa Tebaldi! Congratulations Lisa!

Thank you everyone for supporting such a fantastic day. We were so pleased that so many people got involved and have had so many lovely comments about the fantastic wheelbarrows you all produced. In total we managed to raise £364.42 which will be split between Harbury Pre-school and Harbury School PTA.



**Heather Clarke and Vicky Gladden
Wheelbarrow Race Committee**



THE NON-WHEELBARROW RACE LOCKDOWN EDITION 2020





Wednesday Walks



"June is busting out all over". It has been a lovely month for blooms of all sorts: elderflowers in the hedgerows to make a refreshing cordial; the beans in the field off Bush Heath Lane had a pretty mauve and white flower now setting into fat green pods; and such perfume from lilac, mock orange, honeysuckle and roses! I hope you are all able to get out and enjoy it - it still feels like the safest thing to do. Keep safe till we can walk together again.

Gillian Hare



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to John & Anne Moore



for reaching their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on July 4th 2020.

With much love and thanks

from Carole & all the Cleavers; and Gail, Robyn & Alec xxx

Harbury Village Show

As I write it is the hottest day of the year so far. Glorious weather but it does mean extra watering most evenings. Hopefully your gardens are looking great. Many flowering plants are putting on a particularly good show this year and lots of you will already be enjoying tomatoes, lettuce, peas and raspberries. Not everything grows well! Personally it has taken me four sowings of peas and my raspberries haven't appreciated being moved! However, your garden is doing, please do get a copy of the village show schedule and plan to enter this year. I know lots of people have been taking the extra time to do more artwork. It would be great to have lots of your work on show so do think about exhibiting your flowers, doorways or even cowboys!

We are still hoping the "show will go on"! A copy of the schedule was attached to the June issue of Harbury and Ladbroke News (digital version). It can be downloaded from our website - harburyvillageshow.uk or paper copies are available from outside the library on Mondays and Thursdays.



We would now like to collect in the cups and trophies from last year's show. Please bring your cup to Fox Cottage, Chapel Street (next door to the Gamecock). If you could put the cup on the step and ring the bell then we can safely collect them in. Please don't leave them if there is no reply.

Don't forget the children's section - lots of ideas for them too.

Village Show Committee



Beware Scams Associated with the Government's New NHS test and trace service

The Government's new NHS test and trace service is designed to trace people who might have come into contact with someone who has coronavirus and help prevent the spread of the disease. Advice has been issued on how to spot fraudsters who may try to use NHS test and trace to steal personal and financial information and perpetrate scams.

If you test positive for coronavirus, the NHS test and trace service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

The NHS test and trace service will also contact you if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. Again, the alert will usually come by text, email or phone call.

Fraudsters may make telephone calls falsely claiming to be NHS test and trace staff or send bogus texts or emails.

If it's really NHS test and trace calling you it will be from their single number **0300 0135 000**, although scammers are known to be able to make their phone calls appear to come from genuine numbers. Scammers can also do this with text messages too and can even make messages appear in a chain of texts alongside previous genuine messages, making them look plausible.

That is why it is very important to understand what NHS contact tracers **will ask you to do** and what they **will never ask you to do**.

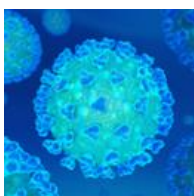
Contact tracers will:

- call you from 0300 013 5000
- send you text messages from 'NHS'
- ask you to sign into the NHS test and trace service website: <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/>
- ask for your full name and date of birth to confirm your identity, and postcode to offer support while self-isolating
- ask about the coronavirus symptoms you have been experiencing
- ask you to provide the name, telephone number and/or email address of anyone you have had close contact with in the two days prior to your symptoms starting
- ask if anyone you have been in contact with is under 18 or lives outside of England

Contact tracers will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

Full details are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>



Fake COVID-19 Home Testing Appointment Texts Targets Public

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) is reporting that it has witnessed evidence of bogus texts informing members of the public that a “COVID Home Testing Team” will visit their homes.

The text specifies a date and time for the visit and that the “team” will telephone the recipient upon arrival. The text becomes suspicious where it states that the team “will enter your property and we will remain inside the front door to put on our protective clothing. You must wait in a separate room before we come to you.”

This is simply an attempt by thieves to gain access to people’s homes under the cover of coronavirus measures. Residents are urged to ignore such texts and keep their doors closed and locked if they receive a visit.

NHS Test and Trace will never ask you for financial details, PINs or passwords. They will also never visit your home.

More information:

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2020/fake-covid-19-home-testing-appointment-texts-targets-public>



Fake Age UK Letters

Warwickshire Trading Standards is warning residents across Warwickshire to beware of bogus letters bearing the Age UK logo. The letters falsely claim that an Age UK Coventry and Warwickshire 'housing surveyor' has visited the property whilst the homeowner was out and carried out a visual inspection. The results of the 'survey' are attached to the letter, but this bears little resemblance to the actual property suggesting that it's simply made up!

The letter goes on to suggest that the property has begun to look neglected and requires building work/maintenance and that the sender will return to discuss the work that needs doing.

The letter is poorly written, but does contain the name and address of the recipient.

Age UK Coventry & Warwickshire has confirmed that these letters have not been sent by the charity and have issued a warning.

Warwickshire Trading Standards advice to residents:

1. Do not buy goods or services from unexpected doorstep traders. This includes any building work.
2. If you have received a similar letter and then receive a visit, do not allow the visitor into your home. Keep your door closed and report the incident to Warwickshire Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133.
3. For more information and advice, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice>

Read the alert here: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/2020/06/11/bogus-age-uk-property-maintenance-survey-letters-warning/>

Warwickshire Trading Standards advises all residents to:

- Be vigilant. Don't be afraid to delete an email/text or put the phone down if you believe it to be a scam.
- Take your time, don't be rushed in to revealing personal information .
- If in doubt, ask a family member or friend for their advice .
- Report any type of scam to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. Citizens Advice can provide telephone support and advice. They will also alert Warwickshire Trading Standards Service who can provide additional advice.
- For more advice visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Samiye Moustafa
Warwickshire County Council

Musicals Quiz Answers (from page 10)

1. Les Miserables
2. Singin' in the Rain
3. Spamalot
4. Oliver!
5. Fiddler on the Roof
6. Grease
7. Carousel
8. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
9. Hairspray
10. High Society
11. Miss Saigon
12. Sweet Charity
13. Saturday Night Fever
14. Paint Your Wagon
15. My Fair Lady
16. The Jazz Singer
17. West Side Story
18. South Pacific
19. 42nd Street
20. Phantom of the Opera



How did you do?

- 20: The Winner Takes it All
- 15-19: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
- 10-14: Wunderbar!
- 5-9: Half a Sixpence
- 1-4: Better Luck Next Time
- 0: I've got Plenty of Nothing



General Knowledge Quiz Answers (from page 38)

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| 1) Rail | 2) Abel |
| 3) Felix | 4) Demerara |
| 5) Artex | 6) Cardigan |
| 7) Eider | 8) Evesham |
| 9) Led Zeppelin | 10) Omega |
| 11) Nutmeg | 12) Norwegian |
| 13) Sierra | 14) Trilby |
| 15) Palindrome | 16) Burgundy |
| 17) Awl | 18) Quail |
| 19) Legumes | 20) Lincoln |



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

To the kind people of Harbury - so many of you - who wrote to me after my loss of James. I am sorry I have taken so long to respond, but I was taken into hospital at the same time as James, so was with him to the last. I had the pneumonia infection, which cleared, but which has knocked my legs from under me physically.

What has helped during these first few weeks has been reading the wonderful letters and cards from friends we had sometimes not seen for 15 years or more, but which brought James back to life with memories of our happy years there. After his initiation as a Borough Councillor in Northampton, I think James really found fulfilment as District Councillor in Stratford for some 20 years - especially when Samois-sur-Seine came on the scene. I clearly remember our first visit there, meeting the Mayor and others (names escape me these days I'm afraid), when I was able to contribute with my BBC French. It's wonderful to learn how strong that relationship he established is. I have even had a letter from the Boizettes, to whom I will write separately.

I really miss my garden (James just mowed the grass and rigged the hammock up). I can see from the March issue of the magazine, that Harbury is still offering so much. It was only as two Londoners that we thought it sensible in our seventies to move back so that we could just hop on a bus or the tube to get to the theatre, visit our friends, etc. At least we are now allowed into Battersea Park, just across the road.

I look forward to the time - not too long I hope - when I can welcome Harbury friends here. There is a good guest apartment. Even better if I can come up your way.

Till then, all my thanks again and love,

Heather Turner

Regular Diary Dates

BIBLIO'S CAFÉ: From 8th July, 10 - 11.30am Wednesday & 10am -12 noon Saturday - hot & cold drinks, cakes & baked goods served from side kitchen door of Wight School

HARBURY E-WHEELS ONLINE QUIZ: 2nd Tuesday of month (next quiz 14th July), 7.05pm, register at www.virtualquizevents.com and then click on:
<https://www.virtualquizevents.com/quiz/e-wheels-monthly-fundraising/>
 or search 'Available Quiz Events' for 'e-wheels'

E-WHEELS FOODBANK COLLECTION: Wight School (Library) car park, Monday, 11.30am -12.30pm

TENNIS CLUB: Harbury Tennis Courts, South Parade. CV33 9HZ. The courts are bookable between 9am and 9pm. Non-members should go to:
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC/Membership/Join>

HARBURY VILLAGE LIBRARY: Wight School, High Street, Harbury. Takeaway Service: Monday, 10.00am - 12.30pm & Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm. Click and collect and home delivery available from website:
http://www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk/library/hvl_harbury_collection

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- A Birthday message
- Congratulations to anyone for their achievement
- Wedding or special occasion wishes
- Thanks to someone



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| | Dr Panting | Dr Wilkinson | Dr Chard | Dr Panting | Dr Wood |
| PM | | Dr Panting | Dr Wood | Dr Chard | Dr Chard |
| | Dr Snowdon | Dr Wilkinson | Dr Chard | Dr Wilkinson | Dr Wood |

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